

COMMITTS PERJURY

Witness Against Gianone Testifies Falsely.

HE WAS OFFERED REWARD

Cordea Says That an Employee of the District Attorney's Office Offered Him Immunity—Testified That Gianone Offered Him \$1250 to Kill Wife's Lover

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Daniel F. Keller, former captain in the Twenty Fourth Infantry, whose arrest at Kamloops, B. C. for forgery was reported yesterday, resigned his commission last February while stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. At that time he announced his intention of "hunting for gold."

Prior to entering the army in 1896, Keller had been a miner. His capture through a detective agency was the culmination of a chase that has covered thousands of miles throughout the West and across the border. Last May he secured \$7,500 at the Washoe County Bank, Reno, Nev., on a forged payment check. He used the name of W. W. Robinson, quartermaster general, stationed in Chicago.

Keller last week filled in a quarter-master draft on the Treasury of the U. S. and presented it to the Hamilton Bank, Kamloops, B. C. The sum which is endeavored to obtain through this check was \$92,500. The Kamloops withheld payment and wired to United States Sub-Treasury in Chicago, asking if the draft was good. Keller had signed the fictitious name of "D. L. Smith, Shuswap Lake, Canada."

The detective agency was notified and wired to Seattle directing that "D. L. Smith" be held. The check number "184,597," which was one of those originally taken by Capt. Keller, indicated that "Smith" was Keller. He will be taken to Reno for trial.

The quarter-master drafts used by Keller were three of the five taken by him from Quartermaster William Weigel's residence at Fort Sheldan. Shortly after Keller's disappearance, Quartermaster Weigel notified the Sub Treasury that five drafts had been torn from his check book.

A month after Keller's disappearance two checks, drawn respectively for \$300 and \$4,500, which had been cashed by the Reno Bank on May 17, were received by the sub-treasury for payment to the Reno Bank. As the check was as a forgery, the Reno Bank had to stand the loss.

As a soldier, Keller made a rapid rise and was looked upon as a competent, forceful officer. He was born in Reading, Pa., where he enlisted in the army.

A Tragedy of Pride.

(Original.)
Don Rafael Alvarado, a wealthy citizen of Mexico, claimed descent from that Alvarado who made the famous leap across the break in the causeway when Cortez's army retreated from the capitol. Don Rafael's ancestors had acquired a large tract of land in ancient Tlascala, one of the Mexican provinces, and one of them at one time owned a gold mine. In Don Rafael's youth the family wealth had been very great, and wealth and ancestry are the father and mother of pride. The young man was brought up to consider no one in Mexico his equal, that Mexico was made especially for the Alvarados and that an Alvarado could not accept a favor or withhold one.

Don Rafael lived on his hacienda, a large estate that remained from the original grant of the king of Spain. From his walls the portraits of his ancestors looked down on him, all seeming to say the same words, "Remember that you are an Alvarado." Covering one end of the banquet room was a painting of the original Alvarado making the wonderful leap.

Don Rafael upon his accession to the property began to outdo any of his progenitors in splendor of living and hospitality. He had a sister, Dona Isabel, who was an especially attractive feature in his home. She attempted to check her brother in his extravagance, pointing out to him that those he was entertaining were bleeding him and at the rate he was proceeding he would soon have nothing left. But her warning was of no avail. Some of the guests taught their host gambling games, others borrowed money. Both methods were employed to impoverish him. Gradually his bank account melted away, his revenues became mortgaged, and at last ruin stared him in the face.

About this time came a very different sort of guest from the others, George Wallace, a young American of considerable means and a graduate of a school of mining engineering. He had gone to Mexico to examine a mine for some New York capitalists, with a view to keeping a lookout for other mines in which to make investments himself. He found a treasure of another kind, Dona Isabel, and straightway proceeded to fall in love with her. His love was returned, and Don Rafael, though he considered no one either in Mexico or the United States good enough to marry his sister, consented to the match.

Something troubled the girl, which did not escape the attention of her lover. He pressed her for it, and she at last confessed that her brother was financially in a desperate condition. After having tied up his resources he had mortgaged his hacienda, and the mortgage was about to be foreclosed. Wallace, actuated by love and natural noble impulses, went straight to Don Rafael, told him that he had that day received a large remittance from New York which he had drawn in gold and had upstairs in his room. The amount was sufficient to lift the mortgage, and Wallace offered to loan it to his host without security. The only condition he made was that Don Rafael should thereafter listen to the advice of his sister, dismiss the vampires who were preying upon him and endeavor to straighten his affairs.

Wallace did not doubt that the man he had offered to help would thankfully accede to his terms. He was disappointed. Don Rafael showed a thorough appreciation of the kindly interest that prompted the offer, but pride, the trait that dominated the Alvarados, prevented his accepting the loan.

"I owe you a world of thanks," he said, "but an Alvarado cannot accept a favor. What would these, my ancestors, think of me if I should accept money from my sister's lover?"

Wallace argued with him, pointing out to him the ruin that was about to fall upon him and its influence on his future life, all to no purpose. He could not break the man's pride. He was obliged to go to Dona Isabel and tell her that he had made the offer, but had failed to effect its acceptance.

That night Wallace was suddenly awakened from sleep by hearing a noise in his room as if some one had stumbled against a piece of furniture. He listened, but all was quiet. Matches were on a stand beside his bed, and he struck one. Its light revealed Don Rafael standing near the chamber door with a bag in his hand, which Wallace recognized as his property. It contained the gold he had offered his host—gold that pride had prevented him from accepting as a loan. He was now attempting to steal it.

By the brief burning of a match Wallace saw the thief, and Don Rafael knew that he had been detected. The match burned out, and before Wallace could light another Don Rafael rushed to the bed and plunged a dagger into his guest and benefactor's breast. Then Dona Isabel, bearing a light, rushed into the room, followed by others of the household. Throwing herself on the body of her lover, she cursed her brother as a murderer and a thief.

Alvarado fled, thinking that he had killed his guest and his sister's lover. Wallace recovered, and both he and Dona Isabel, whom he afterward married, tried to find him, but in vain. Alvarado turned bandit and under another name became the terror of Mexico. Finally he was killed, and his body was brought to his hacienda. Then for the first time his sister knew that the man she had often heard of as an outlaw was her brother.

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